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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (December 8-15, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the December 8-15, 2008 reporting period, no security official was killed or injured. The total number of security force casualties for the year through December 15, 2008, was 140 killed and 247 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, no PKK terrorist was killed in clashes. Four were captured and two surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the second week of December, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 657, the number of those captured was 165, and the number of those who surrendered was ¶163.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period one civilian was killed by a PKK IED in Bingol Province on December 9. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the second week of December, was 49 killed, with another 252 wounded.

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